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A PARTICIPANT IN A FAILED RAID TO RESCUE  
SERVICEMEN MISSING IN LAOS SAYS U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES  
MASTERMINDED THE ARRESTS OF TWO PEOPLE IN THAILAND WHO WORKED ON THE  
MISSION.

CHARLES PATTERSON BLAMED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE  
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FOR THE FAILURE OF THE NOVEMBER MISSION,  
LED BY FORMER U.S. ARMY GREEN BERET LT. COL. JAMES "BOB" GRITZ.

"THE CIA AND THE DIA ARE BEHIND STOPPING THIS OPERATION,"  
PATTERSON, AN EX-GREEN BERET SGT., SAID FROM HIS FATHER'S HOME IN  
DINUBA, CALIF.

"I KNOW THEY ARE," HE SAID. "NOT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, BUT THE  
CIA AND THE DIA. I BELIEVE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S A GOOD MAN -- HE'LL  
STAND BY HIS WORD. IF THEY CAN FIND ONE PRISONER HE'LL GO GET THE  
REST."

U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE MAINTAINED THAT PRIVATE RESCUE  
MISSIONS ARE INTERFERING WITH OFFICIAL ATTEMPTS TO LEARN ABOUT  
PRISONERS OF WAR OR SERVICEMEN STILL MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST  
ASIA.

PATTERSON SAID HE KNOWS LANCE TRIMMER, 43, AND LYNN STANDERWICK,  
25, WHO WERE ARRESTED SUNDAY IN THE THAI-LAOS FRONTIER TOWN OF NAKHON  
PHANOM, ABOUT 450 MILES NORTHEAST OF BANGKOK.

POLICE THERE SAID THE PRI, WHO WERE RELEASED PENDING A FRIDAY  
COURT APPEARANCE, ARE ACCUSED OF POSSESSING A HIGH-POWERED RADIO  
TRANSMITTER, AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT UNDER  
THAI LAW. THAI POLICE SAID OTHER "SPY" EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING SCUBA  
GEAR AND JUNGLE FATIGUES, WERE FOUND IN THE HOME WHERE TRIMMER AND  
MS. STANDERWICK WERE ARRESTED, WHICH REPORTEDLY PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN  
INHABITED BY GRITZ.

ALTHOUGH TRIMMER TOLD A LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER HE WAS NOT  
CONNECTED WITH GRITZ, PATTERSON SAID TRIMMER AND MS. STANDERWICK HAD  
WORKED ON THE NOVEMBER MISSION, WHICH ENDED WITH AN AMBUSH THAT  
FORCED THE RAIDING PARTY TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

"LANCE WAS RADIO OPERATOR ON THE LAST OPERATION AND LYNN WAS A  
POW DAUGHTER WHO WAS HELPING ON COMMUNICATIONS IN THE LAST  
OPERATION," PATTERSON SAID.

HE SAID THAT MS. STANDERWICK WORKED ON THE OPERATION "IN THE  
UNITED STATES -- SHE WASN'T OVER THERE."

PATTERSON SAID HE BELIEVES THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT  
WANT TO FIND SOLDIERS THAT HAVE BEEN DECLARED DEAD.

"WHY DIG UP A CAN OF WORMS AND HAVE TO PAY ALL THESE FAMILIES  
MONEY THAT'S OWED THEM? IT'S EASIER TO DECLARE THE MAN DEAD, PAY THE  
\$10,000 (DEATH BENEFIT), FORGET ABOUT HIM," PATTERSON SAID.